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One Hundred Fifty Years of the

Joys of Rural Living

Dedication

Dedicated to those people of Castile, who have built in the past and who will build in the future, principles of living and government, of the people, by the people, and for the people.

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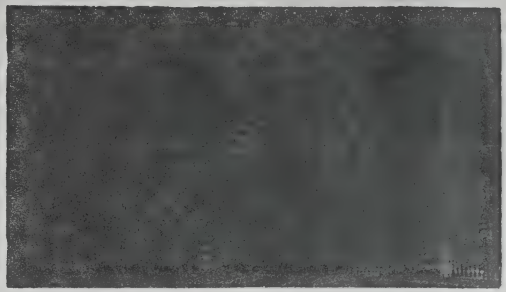

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES, continued

Street Dance . . . . . Ralph Fuller, Lloyd Wyant
Store Decoration . . . . . Robert G. Kingsley
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Town Crier . . . . . Leon Randall
Ball Games . . . . . Harold Seymour, Sr.
Games . . . . . Ronald Smith, Douglas Bliss
Brothers of Brush . . . . . Edward McCaffery
Boy Scouts . . . . . Paul Schroeder
Girl Scouts . . . Mrs. Josephine Spencer, Mrs. Marjorie VanArsdale
Raffles . . . . . John Sherman
Pageant . . . . . Dr. Charles Bartlett, Calvin DeGolyer, Louis R. Witt
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Costumes . . . . . Mrs. Thelma Robinson, Mrs. Sue VanArsdale
Miss Ina Waldo, Mrs. Florence Lee
Entertainment . . . . . Frank Walkley, Kenneth Brainerd
Barbecue . Joseph Pardee, Donald Robinson, Warren Wilson, Elmer Willey
Fish Fry . . . . . Mrs. Eloise Graham, Stanley Slusser
Noon-Day Lunch . . . Mrs. Marietta Barlow, Mrs. Elizabeth Goedeke
Miss Elizabeth Hickey
Art Judges . . . . . Mrs. Louise Cummings, Mrs. Elizabeth Craft
Frank Mazzarella
Sunday Services . . . . . Rev. Willis Stackhouse, Rev. Edward Black
Mrs. Clark Aldrich, Ray Weiss

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Chronology

1803 Leicester, 60 miles long and 12 miles wide reached the Pennsylvania state line.

1806 Allegany County taken off.

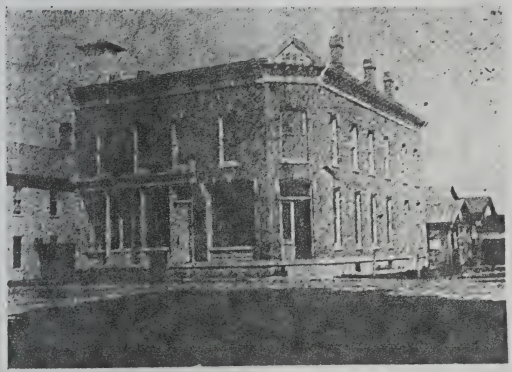
1808 First settlers arrived in the town of Castile. DANIEL McKAY built a saw mill near the mouth of Wolf Creek.
Robert and Janet Whaley (sister of Daniel McKay) stopped at lot 38 between Harry Lee's and Albert Brownell's and built the first log house aside from Mary Jemison's cabin on the Gardeau Reservation. Whaley opened a public house or tavern at his residence.

1813 First birth, Jane McKay.

1815 First death, Louria Wilcox

1816 Year of no summer. Three inches of snow in June. No crops and shortage of food. Settlers began to arrive and build cabins on the road that runs west between Brownell's and Balmas. We find the names of Ezra Bennett and his son Beach and daughter Anna, Ira Law, Dwyer Walker, and Aaron Pond. Robert Whaley rented his tavern to Lemuel Eldridge and moved to the saw mill. That year the tavern burned taking the lives of two men from Leroy.

The Bank of Castile



W. H. Horning, Groceries

CHRONOLOGY, continued

1816 July--Liba and Sally Gilbert Hurd arrived and built a log shanty where the present Schornstein apartments are. The same year they built a frame house across the street which is part of the present Mary VanArsdale Greene home.

1816-1826 Settlers arrived rapidly. Among them we find the names Kellogg, Clute, Tallman, Bannister, and Hurlburt, Thompson, Sanford, and Seymour.

1817 Robert Whaley rebuilt the tavern and lived there where he died a short time later.

1817 June--The Great Land Slide. Seven or eight acres of High Banks near Mary Jemison's homestead slid into the river and changed its course.
F. Bannister built a double log cabin opposite the present Grange Hall.

1820 Bannister opened a tavern in half of the cabin and Loban Wheeler started the first store in the other half, carrying goods from Perry on his back.

1821 February 27. Castile was set off from Perry. Named by Ziba Hurd's wife. Z. Hurd elected first Supervisor; T. Gilbert, first Town Clerk. The post office was established and Z. Hurd was named postmaster.

Greene Sanitarium

CHRONOLOGY, continued

1822 Castile had thirteen distilleries and whiskey sold for 3¢ a glass.
1825 The ladies of Castile formed an organization which was the forerunner of the W.C.T.U.
1826 Dr. Gersham Welles located here.
1824-1830 Castile grew rapidly.
1830-1864 Growth slowed down. However, two public houses, three churches, and some of the best residences were built.
1849 Jabez Greene bought the tavern of J. D. London and established the "water cure."
1852 Branch of the Erie Rail Road was opened between Buffalo and Hornellsville. A wonderful wooden bridge across Portage falls was opened in a royal manner.
1855 The Sea Serpent hoax at Silver Lake.
1864 Cordelia Greene took over "water cure" after her father's death.
1868 First bank was started by the Bank of Avon.
1877 June 19--Village of Castile incorporated. President, H. W. Smith; trustees, John Hoagland, Allan D. Thompson, and Walter Shay.

CHRONOLOGY, continued

1873 February--The Castilian was started by A. Gaines.
1888 Castile Water Company incorporated.
1891 The business block on the west side burned and was rebuilt with brick.
1896 Town Hall built.
1899 Wyoming County Telephone Co. reached Castile.
1902 The Cordelia A. Greene Library erected.
1903 The village was lighted with electricity.
1905 Municipal water plant succeeded the private company.
1916 Main street was paved.

The Castilian

Chronology of Schools

1817 First school was built on the road west near Whaley's tavern and the teacher was Anna Bennett.

1819 Second school built of logs on the lot east of the present Grange Hall. It was called Brown school. The teacher was Elder J. Reid.

1835 Third school was built at the foot of the hill at Mill and Main streets near the present mill. This was school No. 1 and was called the Red school. A few years later it was cut in half and one part moved to the north side of Chappel street and became known as No. 19.

1845 The White school was built at its present site.

1856 School burned.

1857 School rebuilt.

1887 Addition built.

1914 Present school built.

1936 Addition built.

1946 School centralized and named Letchworth Central School.

1954 Junior-Senior high school finished. The present school at Castile is used as a grade school.

Castile Union Academy

Methodist Church

Chronology of Churches

1816 First church service held in the log school was non-denominational.

Baptist

1817 April 28, nucleus of Baptist Church met in homes.

1817 June 25, Recognized as regular Baptist Church. Joseph Porter, Deacon; Elder Case, Chairman of Council.

1835 Present Baptist church built.

Methodist

1832 January 23, Methodist Episcopal Church of Gainesville and Castile organized.

1834 First Methodist Church built. White frame building with steeple.

1906 Church razed and present building erected.

1929 Methodist and Presbyterian churches combined to form Community Church. Methodist church building sold to manufacturing company.

Community Church

Presbyterian

1825 June 7, "Castile Society" organized in log school house on Mill street. Ziba Hurd, chairman.
1827 Castile Society built church (present Grange Hall).
1834 Presbyterian Church organized.
1836 Church built at corner of Main and Washington streets by Mr. Cook who built Methodist Church. Two churches were much alike.
1893 March 12, Presbyterian church burned.
1893 December 25, Brick church dedicated.
1929 Presbyterian-Methodist churches combined to form Community Church. Meet in former Presbyterian church.

Christian

1822 August 6, Christian Church organized with Rev. William True as preacher. Met in school house.
1839 Purchased church on E. Mill St. from Presbyterian Society. Also purchased one acre of land, now Hope cemetery on W. Mill Street.
1889 Parsonage built next to the church.
1929 Christian Church discontinued.

Episcopal

There was for a short period, an Episcopal Church in a small building west of the present Community Church.

Elohim Bible Institute

1942 Elohim Institute founded at property called Rest Inn, 17 S. Main Street.
1947 Elohim Bible Mission incorporated.

Baptist Church

Sesquicentennial Program

FRIDAY

All Day . . . . . Tours, Open House, Visitations
5 to 7 p.m. . . . . FISH FRY at the Grade School
7 p.m. . . . . OLD TIMER'S PARADE
Following the parade . . . . . BEARD JUDGING CONTEST
STREET DANCE at the Grade School

SATURDAY

All Day . . . . . Artists Painting and Exhibition
9 to 12 noon . . . . . SOAP BOX DERBY
12 o'clock . . . . . LUNCH at the Masonic Temple
1:30 to 2:30 p.m. . . . . LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME
3:30 to 5 p.m. . . . . CHILDREN'S PARADE
4:30 to 7:30 p.m. . . . . CHICKEN BARBECUE at the Grade School
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. . . . . Letchworth Central School BAND CONCERT
9:00 p.m. . . . . PAGEANT--"The Land of Promise"

SUNDAY -- Church Services

2 p.m.--Dedication of Annie Eddy Memorial Plaque at Historical Museum

"The Land of Promise"

AN HISTORICAL PAGEANT OF CASTILE, NEW YORK

PROLOGUE

SCENE I . . . . . STIMPSON'S TAVERN

SCENE II . . . . . WHALEY'S TAVERN 1812

SCENE III . . . . . CHURCH SERVICE

SCENE IV . . . . . MARY'S STORY

SCENE V . . . . . POEM BY MRS. F. SUTHERLAND

SCENE VI . . . . . CONCERNING SPIRITS AND THE SPIRITUAL

SCENE VII . . . . DR. WELLES, DR. GREENE, CORDELIA GREENE

SCENE VIII . . . . . CIVIL WAR TABLEAU

SCENE IX . . . . . OLD FASHIONED SINGING SCHOOL

SCENE X . . . . . SANITARIUM GOLDEN JUBILEE, 1899

FINALE

Town Band, 1912

Pageant Committees

Historical Material and Background ..... Mrs. Katherine Barnes

Script ..... Mrs. Josephine Spencer
Mrs. Patricia Carlson
Mrs. Katherine Barnes
Dr. Charles Bartlett

Research ..... Mrs. Mildred Anderson
Mrs. Marian Willey
Mrs. Margaret Sutherland
Mrs. Florence Lee
Mrs. Katherine Barnes

Director ..... Mr. Francis Britton

Casting ..... Mrs. Ruth Witt

Stage Manager ..... Mr. Louis Witt

Dill & Scott

Pageant Cast of Characters

Harold Anderson

Marietta Barlow
Louise Barlow
Sally Bartlett
"Ted" Bartlett
Marjorie Biggart
Kenneth Brainerd

"Tom" Carlson
Jean Carmichael
Jack Crawford
Grace H. Cox

C. Scott DeGolyer

Gertrude Elwell

Susan Ferris

Thomas C. Hance
Carol Harmon
Louise Harmon
Eleanor Hoch
Richard Hotchkiss

Clifford Jenison
Richard Jenison

Florence Lee

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Frank Mazzarella
Arthur McTarnaghan

Gladys Pardee
Joseph Pardee
Kenneth Pattridge

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Garravene Randall
Melvena Randall
Roy Randall
Clair Raplee
Donald Robinson, Jr.
Ernest Reynolds
Robert Robinson
Floyd O. Robinson
Theda Rowe

Harold Seymour, Jr.
Willard Sherman
Roy Smith
Harold Spencer
DeVaughn Speicher

Sally VanArsdale
James VanArsdale

Ina Waldo
Frank Walkley
Margaret (Pat) Walkley
Lincoln Walkley
Sarah Walkley
Marilyn Weiss
Paul Weiss
Ray Weiss
Alvin Wells
Lloyd Wyant
Lorenna Wyant

World War I, II,
and Korean Veterans

NARRATORS

Rev. Willis Stackhouse
Rev. Edward Black

Castile Historical Society

The Castile Historical Society was organized December 1, 1952. There were 33 present at that meeting. A permanent charter was received from the University of the State of New York, April 22, 1955. Calvin DeGolyer was the first president.

On November 5, 1956, Mrs. Annie Eddy purchased the century-old house at 17 East Park Road and presented it to the Historical Society in memory of her husband, John E. Eddy. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Quick of Monroe, Michigan, former Castilians, gave the ploque which commemorates this event.

In February, 1955, an Historical Memorial Fund was started which helps to maintain the Eddy Memorial Building and the Research Center and Museum which is housed there. Here are kept the records, documents, and biographical files of the Town of Castile.

The membership is 151 and Mrs. Ruth Witt is president.

Cordelia A. Greene Library

Community Club

The Community Club of Castile was reorganized in June of 1927. The meeting was called on Friday the third of June in the I.O.O.F. Hall. M. W. Cummings and Fred Ferris were respectively appointed chairman and secretary pro-tem. Officers elected were: President, J. Harry VanArsdale; Vice President, Howard S. Butler; Secretary and Treasurer, Marvin W. Cummings. It was decided to meet the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Present officers of the club are: President, Avery H. DeGolyer; First Vice President, Paul E. Schroeder; Second Vice President, James H. VanArsdale; Secretary-Treasurer, Martin Carey.

Troop 54, Boy Scouts of America

January 31, 1927 was the approximate date when Troop 54 of Castile became a member in good standing with the National Council B.S.A., having received its first charter.

Through these thirty odd years this organization, with the help and aid of their sponsoring unit, the Community Club, have helped build character and citizenship training in the boys of Castile. This year troop 54 celebrates its thirty-first year as a chartered member.

The present scoutmaster is Lynn Washburn, assisted by Edward Smith. Paul Schroeder is chairman of the committee.

Cub Scout Pack No. 54

In the year 1946, Cub Scout Pack #54 was organized with the Wallace-Jeffers Post #753 American Legion as their sponsoring institution. Their first Charter was presented on March 31, 1946 with a membership of 19 boys and 12 adult leaders. James H. VanArsdale, III was the first Cubmaster and Mrs. John Blaszak, Mrs. K. L. McMaster, Mrs. Irene Swyers, and Mrs. Sally Bartlett, the den mothers. Raymond H. Weiss, Clifford Keppen, Jack F. Crawford, Edward Claus, Louis R. James, Gerald Finch, and Clarence Evans were members of the committee with Mr. Weiss as chairman.

January 31, 1958, Pack #54 rechartered with a registration of 32 boys and 10 adult leaders.

Wallace-Jeffers Post No. 753, American Legion

The Wallace-Jeffers Post, American Legion, was organized in 1921 and named for the two Castile Servicemen, Roy Jeffers and Addison Wallace, who gave their lives in World War I service to their country. J. Harry VanArsdale was the Post's first commander; Moore Harding, Adjutant; and Roy Chasey, Treasurer. Membership was about fifteen members.

The Post has participated in many community projects over the years. One fine example is the erection of the WWI monument on Main Street which has served as a focal point for our Memorial Day exercises.

More recently, the Post has sent a high school boy to Boy's State at Colgate University each year, which has given our young citizens training in government.

Presently, the Post consists of 108 members from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War.

The American Legion Auxiliary

Wallace Jeffers Unit #753, American Legion Auxiliary received its Charter in 1926.

Mrs. Marguerite White of Warsaw helped organize the Unit and installed the following officers: President, Mrs. Beulah A. Foley, First Vice President, Lydia Dierdorf; Second Vice President, Mildred B. Jackson; Secretary-Treasurer, Hazel L. Koch; Chaplain, Anna J. Poole; Sergeant at Arms, Rachael L. Nice. In addition to these officers there were eight other charter members. Mrs. Robert Graham is the present president.

Gala Club

In 1898 a group of young women met at the home of Miss Gertrude Cummings to form the Gala Club. Mrs. Mae Davis of Warsaw is one of the original group. The president, Mrs. T. H. Marshall has been a member for many years. The Gala Club has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the community, being especially interested in its boys and girls.

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The A.N. Wallace Hose Company was incorporated on January 14, 1888, with 10 members.

The Castile Fire Department, comprising the Rescue Hook & Ladder Company and the A.N. Wallace Hose Company, was incorporated March 26, 1894. The incorporation of the Department was approved by a resolution adopted by the Castile Village Board at a meeting held on that date.

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Castile Grange

Castile Grange was officially organized April 12, 1904, with 66 charter members. When the Grange had its fiftieth anniversary, four of those members received the Golden Sheaf Certificate, Edward Shumaker, Germain Smith, Isabelle Taber Crounse, and Lena Fuller. One more was eligible in 1957, Arnold Jackson; two more in 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutherland.

The first Master was Silas Strivings. He advanced through the offices until he became State Master and was also active in some national affairs. Others who have held State offices are Ernest Bradley, Lloyd Wyant, Lorena Wyant, and Lena Fuller.

The Grange met in Bush's Hall(over the Cummings Drug Store) until 1933, when they purchased the Christian Church and remodeled it to suit their needs.

Town Board

Back row: Ray Calkins, Maynard Clark, Lawrence Daley, Katherine Barnes, Marian Willey, Charles Everingham. Front Row: Franz Walkley, Jay Carmichael, C. Scott DeGolyer, Gordon Parker, Floyd Chamberlain, Jr.

4-H Club

At first the 4-H work in Castile was led by the teachers in the schools. The first organization was the Castile Clothing Club, which was formed in 1922 and was the forerunner of the present club. By 1934 there were 96 members in the town of Castile.

In 1938 a dairy club known as the Sodbusters was organized. Alvin Wells was the leader. A year later a girl's club known as the Cheerful Cherubs was started with Esther Shores as president.

The present Castile Merry Maids 4-H Club was formed in 1942 under the leadership of Mrs. Algia Walker. Mildred Chase was president. Marian Cottrell, vice president, and Eska Walker, secretary.

The boy's club known as the Castile 4-H Musketeers was organized in 1945 under Mr. Algia Walker. Officers were: President, Jack Qutermous; Vice President, Neil Walker; Secretary, Richard Jenison; Treasurer, Robert Sherman; News Reporter, Curtiss Chase; Cheerleader, John McBride.

The Junior Sodbusters is a mixed dairy club led by Gordon Page and Fred Correll.

Village Board

Cole & Spellman

Oakland Lodge No. 379, F. & A. M.

Dispensation granted February 14, 1855 in Oakland, N.Y. Moved to Hunts Hollow in July, 1855, then moved to Portage Village on June 4, 1858, and finally to Castile on June 10, 1864.

The Centennial of Oakland No. 329 was held in 1955 with a number of special events. The present Master is Richard K. Gaedeke.

Chapter No. 232, Order of the Eastern Star

In 1901 the Castile Chapter #232 Order of the Eastern Star was organized with Ruth Chapter #56 of Rochester as the sponsoring chapter. Their first meeting was held September 3, 1901. The following officers were appointed until December 31, 1902. Worthy Matron, Mrs. Lucy Pierce; Worthy Patron, Lorenzo L. Francis; Associate Matron, Mrs. Helen True; Treasurer, Mrs. Betsy Fuller; Secretary, Mrs. Libbie Stratton; Conductress, Mrs. Louise Davis; Assistant Conductress, Mrs. Mattie Andrus, Adah, Mrs. Carrie Windsor; Ruth, Mrs. Edith Walker; Esther, Mrs. Mary Axtell; Martha, Mrs. Minnie Law; Electa, Mrs. Josephine Chapman; Warder, Mrs. Sarah Gannon; Sentinal, Mr. Charles Fox. The present Matron and Patron are Mr. and Mrs. Phyletus Phelps.

Women's Christian Temperance Union

A group of people met on Friday, November 17, 1882 for the purpose of organizing a Women's Christian Temperance Union, with Mrs. P. R. Sellon acting as Chairman. It was decided to meet on the second Wednesday and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sellon; Vice Presidents, Mrs. J.C. Long, Mrs. White, Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Finch; Recording Secretary, Miss Nannie Perkins; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Cora Hoagland; Treasurer, Miss Emma Davison; Leader of Singing, Mrs. F. C. Spellman; Organist, Miss Ida Hoagland.

Later, an LTL was organized by Miss Willard and at present is divided into two groups, meeting on Tuesdays of each month from September until the school recess. Officers are: President, Alan Wolcott; Vice President, Cynthia Jenison; Recording Secretary, Martin Mucher; Corresponding Secretary, Linda Purdy; Treasurer, Esther Mucher; Chaplain, Dorothy Greene.

The present officers are: President, Mrs. Pearl Lamberson; Vice President, Mrs. Clark Aldrich; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Elwell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Clayton Smith, Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Merle.

Main Street

Castile Fire Department Auxiliary

The Castile Fire Department Auxiliary was organized on June 27, 1957, with nine charter members. There are now eighteen members. The present officers are: President, Jessie Foss; Vice President, Miriam Perrine; Secretary, Anna Poole; Treasurer, Jean Carmichael; Chaplain, Genevieve Butler; Sergeant-at-Arms, Alice Woodard; Trustees, Helen Slusser, Doris Rutherford, and Florence Catlin.

Castile House

Area Accommodations

Canyon Cabins ..... Castile
Commodore Hotel ..... Perry
Davis Motel ..... Portageville
Genesee Falls Highway House ..... Portageville
Glen Iris Inn ..... Letchworth Park
Letchworth Park Motel ..... Letchworth Park
Marco Inn ..... Perry

Plus several Tourist homes and overnight accommodations within the village of Castile.

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